

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael Slivka et al. Confirmation No.: 7650  
Appln. No. : 10/676,868  
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Title : METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF DEFECTS IN THE  
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC  
  
Art Unit : 1651  
Examiner : L.B. Lankford, Jr.

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.